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T-9 reported on September 23 that MEDINA contacted DIEGO VICENTE TEJERA relative to some undisclosed matter. This same informant also reported on September 7, 1953, that CARLOS MEDINA then staying at the Leamington Hotel, and RICARDO MADAN, a Cuban who will be mentioned hereinafter as the operator of an air express at the International Airport, had a meeting relative to some undisclosed matter.

2. RICARDO MADAN:

~~FLA~~ T-7 reported on October 1, 1953, that he suspected that RICARDO MADAN, operator of Air Express, Miami International Airport, might be illegally transporting arms and ammunition to Cuba. He said that on a recent occasion MADAN unsuccessfully attempted to charter a plane from Cubana Airways. He said that MADAN had office space in a building occupied by the Florida Air Freight at the 36th Street side of the International Airport. He said that AUGUSTI PULUZZE was MADAN's manager, and that it had been alleged by individuals the informant did not mention that MADAN was engaged in smuggling various types of material to Cuba. On November 13, T-7 said that MADAN had allegedly made a special deal with PELIN MENDOZA, who is associated with the PRIO group to ship merchandise to Cuba for PRIO. X(u)

3. Alleged Arms Cache at Hollywood, Florida:

T-7 reported on November 13 that he had questioned MARCOS DIAZ on November 6, 1953, after offering DIAZ substantial financial remuneration, and DIAZ had stated that an arms cache consisting of some 130 to 150 M-1 guns, 13 or 14 machine guns, 6 or 7 bazookas, and 30,000 to 40,000 rounds of ammunition were stored in Cabin #6 of a motel located on U. S. Highway #1, adjacent to Gulfstream Race Track, South Hollywood, Florida. According to DIAZ, these guns belonged to the PRIO group. The informant said that an appropriate investigation by another Federal Agency disclosed that these guns were not in Cabin 6 at this motel although it was ascertained from the management of the motel that some suspicious activity involving persons who appeared to be Cubans had been going on there for several weeks. Informant said that X(u)

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T-7 MARIANO FAGEOT, Int. Officer, Cuban Gov., Miami, Fla.	10/22/53	10/22/53	"	Instant Report
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T-19 HORACE BURNSTIEN Clerk, Sagamore Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.	9 /20/53 to 10/20/53	10/20/53	G. E. DAVIS Instant & M.M. JETT Report	
T-20 JACK MARA- VCHICK, Co-owner, Sagamore Hotel, Miami Beach	9 /20/53 to 10/20/53	10/20/53	" Instant Report	
T-21 MM 508-CS	10/20/53	10/20/53	S. BYE REEDER, JR. Instant Report	
T-22 DANIEL E. DUNN, Mgr., Sea Gull Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla.	11/2 /53	11/2 /53	M. M. JETT Instant Report	
T-9 [MM 523-S	11/15/53	11/15/53] X(u) "	2-165 Sub I	
T-15 FRANK DEVER, INS, Miami, Fla.	11/3 /53	11/3 /53	G. E. DAVIS Instant Report	

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T-6 MM 521-S	10/16/53	10/16/53	G. E. DAVIS	134-60 Sub A
T-3 MM 515-S	10/17/53	10/17/53	M. M. JETT	2-165 Sub I
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T-7	MARIANO FAGET, Int. Officer, Cuban Gov. Miami, Florida	9 /15/53	G. E. DAVIS Instant Report	
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T-3	MM 515-S	10/20/53	M. M. JETT	2-165 Sub I
T-4	SALVADOR C. PENA, 627 N.W. 19th Ave., Former U.S. Customs Agent	11/23/53	G. E. DAVIS Instant Report	
3. <u>In Other Countries</u>				
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T-27 MM 524-S	July, August, and September, 1953	July, August & September, 1953	"	2-165 Sub I
T-27 MM 524-S	"	9 /28/53	"	2-165 Sub I
T-27 MM 524-S	"	July, August & September, 1953	"	2-165 Sub I

B. Purchase of Radio Transmitter by CESAR FONSECA, Brother-in-law of CARLOS PRIO

T-7 MARIANO FAGET, Int. Officer, Cuban Gov. Miami, Florida	August, 1953	8 /26/53	G. E. DAVIS Instant & M.M. JETT Report
T-26 EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, Cuban Consul, Miami, Florida	August, 1953	8 /26/53	" Instant Report
T-28 JOHN STREHLE, Partner, Continental Communications of Florida, Miami, Fla.	August 7 to 23, 1953	8 /27/53	" Instant Report

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T-31 J. C. McKEE, 8 /27/53 JR., Auditor, 1st National Bank, Miami, Florida	8 /27/53	G. E. DAVIS	Instant Report	
T-35 C. MASON August, 1953 FORD, Money Department, Jackson- ville Br., Fed. Reserve Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	8 /28/53	BENNETT M. HIRSH	Instant Report	
T-31 " 9 /2 /53	9 /2 /53	M. M. JETT	Instant Report	
T-31 " 10/2 /53	10/2 /53	"	Instant Report	
T-31 " 10/8 /53	10/8 /53	"	Instant Report	
T-31 " 8 /27/53	8 /27/53	"	Instant Report	
T-6 MM 521-S 11/26/53	11/26/53	G. E. DAVIS	134-60 Sub A	

VIII. ALLEGED ARMS TRAFFIC

A. Cay Sal

T-7 [MARIANO FAGET, Int. Officer, Cuban Gov. Miami, Florida	7 /19/53	8 /7 /53	G. E. DAVIS Instant Report & M.M. JETT Report
T-7 " June, 1953	8 /25/53	"	Instant Report
T-24 AUBREY GROOM Border Patrol, Miami, Florida	8 /27/53	8 /27/53	G. E. DAVIS Instant Report

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T-32 ROY GRIS- COM, Crew member, Morning Star II, 1253 N.W. 5th Street, Miami, Florida	June, 1953	10/2 /53	G. E. DAVIS Instant & M.M. JETT Report	
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T-33 LCDR. F.B. THATCHER, Int. Div., USCG, New Orleans, La.	8 /16/53	10/12/53	New Orleans 2-165 Agent	
T-26 EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, Cuban Consul, Miami, Florida	10/13/53	10/13/53	G. E. DAVIS Instant & M.M. JETT Report <i>X(u)</i>	
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T-34 PAUL ESTES, Organizational & Methods Div., VA, Miami, Fla.	10/9 /53	10/9 /53	"	Instant Report
T-3 MM 515-S	8 /2 /53	8 /2 /53	M. M. JETT	2-165 Sub I
T-3 MM 515-S	9 /25/53	9 /25/53	"	2-165 Sub I
T-3 MM 515-S	10/3 /53	10/3 /53	"	2-165 Sub I
T-36 WILLIAM KAISER, INS, Miami, Florida	10/12/53	10/12/53	"	2-165 Sub I

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T-8 A.E.DARLOW Ernie's Garage, Miami, Fla.	8 /21/53	8 /21/53	M. M. JETT	Instant Report
T-37 DANIEL DUNNING, U.S. Customs, NYC		8 /22/53	WILLIAM CONLEY, NYC	NYC 109-43
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T-38 MAX BRANNIGAN, Air Freight Depot Eastern Airlines, Miami, Fla.	8 /24/53	8 /24/53	G. E. DAVIS	Instant Report
T-8 A.E.DARLOW Ernie's Garage, Miami, Fla.		8 /25/53	G. E. DAVIS & M.M. JETT	Instant Report
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T-8 "		8 /26/53	G. E. DAVIS	Instant Report
T-8 "		9 /5 /53	"	Instant Report
T-8 "		9 /11/53	"	Instant Report
T-37 DANIEL DUNNING, U.S. Customs, NYC		9 /15/53	WILLIAM CONLEY NYC	NYC 109-43

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T-43 BLANE R. RICHARDS, 120 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami, Fla.	10/29/53	10/29/53	M. M. JETT	52-2563
T-14 LOU PEREZ 2020 S.W. 24th Street, Miami, Florida	11/2 /53	11/2 /53	"	52-2563
T-14 "	11/6 /53	11/6 /53	"	52-2563
T-14 "	11/7 /53	11/7 /53	"	52-2563
T-26 [EDUARDO * HERNANDEZ, Cuban Consul, Miami, Florida]	11/4 /53	11/4 /53	G. E. DAVIS X(u)	Instant Report
T-26 "	11/6 /53	11/6 /53	"	Instant Report

G. Other Reports

T-7 [MARIANO FAGET, Int. Officer, Cuban Gov. Miami, Florida]	10/22/53	10/22/53	"	Instant Report
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4. <u>European Shipment</u>				
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5. <u>Concerning PAUL JOYA</u>				
T-8 A.E.DARLOW Ernie's Garage Miami, Florida	9 /16/53	9 /16/53	G. E. DAVIS	Instant Report
X. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
A. <u>Information Concerning Possible Use of "The Explorer" for Benefit of PRIO Group</u>				
T-32 ROY GRISCOM Crew Member, Morning Star II, 1253 N.W. 5th St., Miami, Fla.	10/2 /53	10/2 /53	G. E. DAVIS & M.M. JETT	Instant Report

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T-9 MM 523-S	10/8 /53	10/8 /53	M. M. JETT	2-165 Sub I
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T-9 MM 523-S	8 /14/53	8 /14/53	(X) (u)	2-165 Sub I

C. Activities and Contacts of BERT T. ERICKSON With PRIO Group

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T-3 MM 515-S	9 /4 /53	9 /4 /53	(X) (u)	2-165 Sub I
T-27 MM 524-S	9 /5 /53	9 /5 /53	"	2-165 Sub I
T-21 MM 508 CS	9 /29/53	9 /29/53	S. BYE REEDER, JR.	Instant Report
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